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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S NON-FINAL ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated April 23, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file. In this connection, applicant encloses herewith: (i). Appendix A, which is **Marked-Up Versions Of All Revised Paragraphs In The Disclosure**; (ii). Appendix B, which is **Marked-Up Versions Of All Revised Claims**, wherein insertions are underlined and deletions are bracketed, and these amendments are shown in bold-face for convenience of reference; and (iii). Appendix C, which is **A List Of All Pending Claims After Amendment In Clean Form**.

Applicant also submits herewith: (1). **Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**; (2). **Submission Of Corrected Drawing**; and (3). **REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71 WITH STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. 3.73 (b)**.

## AMENDMENT

### IN THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 22, page 6 to be read as follows:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a diagram which depicts an arrangement of devices for conducting a process of the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

It has now been found that this drawback can be avoided by drying a stream of F32 produced continuously, within a specific temperature range, and by carrying out, in particular, a specific process for regenerating the sieve feed stock.

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 11, page 13 to be read as follows:

#### EXAMPLES

The examples which follow are given purely for the purpose of non-limiting illustration of the process according to the invention.

Please amend the paragraph starting line 10, page 14 to be read as follows:

The dry gas then passes through a buffer reservoir with a volume of 5 litres (15), from which it is sent,